



**A(nother) Special Birth!**

V1-8 Situation  
*We have a God who specialises in surprising beginnings!*

V9-18 Supplication  
*We have a God who loves to hear our heartfelt cries!*

V19-20 Solution  
*We have a God who remembers his precious people in their suffering!*

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**Dig Deeper Questions for 1 Samuel 1:1-20...**

As we look at 1 Samuel this term, you might like to read ahead (or listen online at [www.biblegateway.com/audio/suchet/nivuk/1Sam.1](http://www.biblegateway.com/audio/suchet/nivuk/1Sam.1))

- 1) **How does the writer bring out the bitterness of Hannah's situation (v1-8)? Are there any situations where you have (or are) facing an impossible situation that feels out of reach of God? How have you tended to react?**
- 2) **How do other "difficult" Bible pregnancies and "special births" signal a great turnaround for God's people? You might like to look up Genesis 15:2, Judges 13:3, Luke 1:34. What turnaround is coming in the arrival of Samuel and of Jesus?**
- 3) **"God closed Hannah's womb" (v5,6). We will come onto the theme of suffering again later in term, but is there any comfort from this phrase, and from what God brought about from it for the nation as a whole?**
- 4) **How is the rescue of sinners by Jesus, the ultimate example of God's "remembering"? What perspective will we gain (especially on our suffering) if we remember this?**
- 5) **How does Hannah (v9-20) model a better way to deal with those "impossible" situations we sometimes face (question 1)? How can you prepare yourself for them next time around?**